

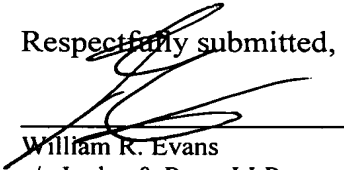
## REMARKS

The approval of a Primary Examiner required by *MPEP* 706.04 for the withdrawal of the previously indicated allowance of the claims is noted along with the continued allowability of the claims indicated in the present Action upon the amendments made above without narrowing that invokes Festo-like limitations even though in response to a statutory requirement.

The Action objects to bound hydrogen after exfoliation and, in order to accommodate this, only one of such hydrogen binding for joining and splicing is now required by claim 1 while retaining the second vacuum and temperature the Action finds the prior art fails to teach.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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